

# **Turning Point Public Health Statute Modernization National Collaborative**

## **COLLABORATIVE CHARTER**

October 24, 2000

**1. What is the purpose of this collaborative partnership, i.e. why do we exist?**

The purpose of the Turning Point Public Health Statute Modernization National Collaborative is to transform and strengthen the legal framework for the public health system through a collaborative process to develop a model public health law.

**2. What is our shared vision?**

Clear, concise, up-to-date laws that support improved health and strong public health systems.

**3. What are our outcomes, i.e., what are we trying to achieve through law reform?**

- Articulate a clear vision of Public Health that legislatures and other state agencies buy into
- Define public health system capacity and financial needs at state and local levels
- Define roles and responsibilities of state, local, and tribal governments
- Provide a system of accountability for Public Health
- Define core public health functions and essential services

**4. What goals will we pursue to achieve our purpose?**

- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the structure and appropriateness of current state public health statutes, including an examination of how statutes prescribe financing for public health programs and services
- Inform the public health community and public policy makers about this project
- Develop a Model State Public Health Law
- Disseminate the Model Law, and evaluate how it is used
- Develop other policy tools (self-assessment tool for states to review and evaluate their public health law, health impact assessment, series of financing models, public health system standards, public health information system)

## **5. What timeframes will we follow to accomplish this work?**

Phase I: Assessment	June 1, 2000 – May 31, 2001
Phase II: Model Law Development	June 1, 2001 – Aug. 31, 2003
Phase III: Dissemination & Education	Sept. 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004

## **6. What is the composition of our collaborative?**

*See attached collaborative structure diagram and membership lists*

Core Collaborative: The Core Collaborative partnership is comprised of approximately 25 members, including 2 representatives from each of the states funded by Turning Point to participate in this collaborative, and 1 representative from each of a number of federal agencies and national organizations that have an interest in and can contribute expertise to the work of the collaborative.

Expanded Collaborative: The Core Collaborative will be expanded for Phase II to include approximately 5-8 additional expert technical advisors in a number of key fields.

Review Group: A larger Review Group consisting of additional stakeholder organizations will also be identified. Review group members will receive periodic project updates, and will be asked to review and provide comments on draft products.

## **7. Core Collaborative Roles and Member Responsibilities**

### **Roles:**

- Implement and guide a research project to analyze the structure, financing, and appropriateness of current state public health statutes .
- Direct and participate in the development of the Model State Public Health Law.
- Develop and implement a plan to inform the public health community and public policy makers about the Model Law.
- Identify need for, and feasibility of producing, other policy and legislative tools related to public health law; develop and implement plan to produce tools.
- Determine needs for expert consultants; establish contracts with consultants.
- Identify and communicate with stakeholder organizations.
- Serve as focal point for public input; incorporate input into decision-making.
- Assess the progress of the collaborative at least annually.

### **Member Responsibilities:**

- Participate in collaborative meetings and teleconferences.
- Contribute personal and professional experience and expertise to the group.
- Engage in learning opportunities throughout the collaborative process.
- Speak up for and faithfully represent community, professional, and constituency perspectives.
- Communicate work of collaborative to constituency.

## **8. Technical Advisor Roles and Responsibilities**

Contribute expert advice and consultation on current best practices in the field you represent.

## **9. How will decisions be made?**

By consensus.

## **10. Will individuals who are not members of the collaborative be allowed to participate in meetings?**

- All meetings of the collaborative are open to the public
- Participation in collaborative meetings is limited to collaborative members
- Time will be provided on meeting agendas for public comment when non-collaborative members are present
- Other Turning Point states are welcome to join the collaborative as long as they are willing to contribute to the joint budget at the same level as member states, and finance their own travel to meetings.

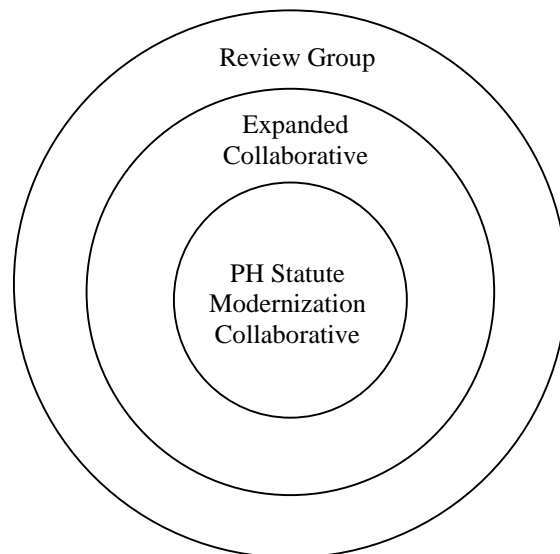
## **11. What are the guiding principles for collaborative meetings?**

- Be willing to support our purpose and vision.
- Always tell your truth with compassion for others.
- Listen actively and respectfully, and acknowledge whatever is being communicated as true for the speaker at that moment.

Active listening guidelines:

- No interrupting
- No side conversations
- No cell phones
- Focus on the speaker
- Encourage active participation of all present
- Do not criticize or make judgments of the speaker
- Always take responsibility for your actions and the results you create.
- Keep your agreements. Communicate any potential broken agreement at the first appropriate opportunity.
- Confront problems quickly and responsibly to resolve issues without upset.
- A learning component will be incorporated into each collaborative meeting.
- Celebrate success and have fun.

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## **PH Statute Modernization Collaborative**

- □ Alaska (2)
- □ Oregon (2)
- □ Nebraska (2)
- □ Wisconsin (2)
- □ Colorado (2)
- □ Centers for Disease Control (1)
- □ Health Resources & Services Administration (1)
- □ National Institute of Medicine (1)
- □ American Public Health Association (1)
- □ National Association of Governors (1)
- □ National Conference of State Legislatures (1)
- □ Assn. of State & Territorial Health Officials (1)
- □ National Assn. of County & City Health Officials (1)
- □ National Assn. of Local Boards of Health (1)
- □ National Assn. of Counties (1)
- □ National Indian Health Board (1)
- □ National Congress of American Indians (1)
- □ RWJ/Turning Point National Program Office (2)
- □ Kellogg/Turning Point National Program Office (1)

## **Expanded Collaborative (for Phase II)**

PH Statute Collaborative, plus expert advisors in the fields of:

- □ Health Ethics
  - □ Epidemiology
  - □ Environmental Health
  - □ Public Health Nursing
  - □ Health Promotion/Health Education
  - □ Public Health Laboratories
  - □ Social Determinants of Health
- ## **Review Group**
- □ Turning Point State Liaisons
  - □ Turning Point Community Liaisons
  - □ National Association of Attorneys General
  - □ Uniform Law Commission
  - □ Indian Health Service
  - □ Environmental Protection Agency
  - □ CDC/National Center for Environmental Health
  - □ Public Health Foundation
  - □ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
  - □ W.K. Kellogg Foundation
  - □ American Hospital Association
  - □ American Medical Association

- □ Other Health Professional Associations
- □ Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists
- □ Association of State & Territorial Public Health Lab Directors
- □ Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing
- □ Assn. of State & Territorial Directors of Health Promotion
- □ Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
- □ Assn. of State & Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors
- □ Assn. of State & Territorial Local Health Liaisons
- □ National Urban League
- □ National Council of Mayors
- □ Chambers of Commerce
- □ National Environmental Health Association
- □ PEW Environmental Health Commission
- □ United Migrant Opportunity Service
- □ National Black Caucus of State Legislators
- □ Other legislative caucuses (?)
- □ Minority Health Coalition
- □ League of Women Voters
- □ American Civil Liberties Union
- □ Legal Advocacy Groups
- □ Environmental Advocacy Groups